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The sixth and final form of traditional Wing Chun kung fu is Baat Jaam Do (also spelled Baat Cham Dao or Bart Jarm Do), which translates to the "Eight-Chorping Knives" or "Butterfly Swords" form.

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In lineages that teach the long pole first, Baat Jaam Do is considered the sixth form. In other lineages, the pole itself (Luk Dim Boon Kwun) is taught last and takes the sixth spot. However, the butterfly knives represent the absolute pinnacle, completion, and "sealing" of the traditional Ip Man Wing Chun system.

Core Concepts of the Knife Form
An Extension of Empty Hands: The techniques are not flashy theatrical swordplay; instead, they adapt the fundamental hand strikes, blocks, and footwork of the previous forms—like Siu Nim Tao and Chum Kiu—and execute them with blades.
The Meaning of "Eight": The number eight (Baat) represents the eight structural sections of the form. Each section explores a different combat strategy, footwork angle, or method of slashing and stabbing (Cham).

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Wrist Strength and Precision: The butterfly knives feature a heavy knuckle bow and a specialized spine hook designed to trap opposing weapons. Wielding them correctly demands incredible wrist flexibility and structural forearm power.

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Historical Secrecy: Traditionally, this form was highly guarded. Grandmaster Ip Man reportedly only taught the complete, unmodified knife form to a small handful of close disciples during his lifetime.
The 6 Traditional Wing Chun Forms in Instructional Order
To understand how the sixth form fits into the overall system, practitioners progress through this specific hierarchy:
Siu Nim Tao (Little Idea): The foundational, completely stationary empty-hand form focusing on structural alignment, relaxation, and the centerline theory.

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Chum Kiu (Seeking the Bridge): The second empty-hand form, which introduces active footwork, hip rotation, body weight mechanics, and entry techniques.

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Biu Gee (Darting Fingers): The third empty-hand form, emphasizing explosive recovery power, emergency escapes, and unorthodox angles of attack.

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Mook Yan Jong (Wooden Dummy Form): A 116-movement routine applied against a wooden framework to hone spatial angles, distance management, and structural execution against resistance.

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Luk Dim Boon Kwun (Six and a Half Point Pole): The first weapon form, utilizing a long tapered

wooden staff (usually 8 to 9 feet long) to develop deep stance power, shoulder stamina, and a totally distinct combat range.

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Baat Jaam Do (Eight Chopping Knives): The final, culminating martial curriculum that masterfully blends close-range empty-hand principles with twin-blade mechanics.

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Are you currently practicing a specific lineage of Wing Chun, or are you looking for a breakdown of the eight specific sections of the knife form?

To adapt the structure of the Sixth Form into the context of Kenpo/Kempo, Ninjutsu, and Kunoichikata (the specialized art of the female ninja), we shift from the Chinese Wing Chun system into traditional Japanese warrior science.
In these stealth and hybrid combat systems, the sixth major progression or tactical scroll (Densho) traditionally focuses on Kukishin-ryu / Togakure-ryu weapon integration and Kunoichi-specific deception protocols.
Core Concepts of the Sixth Form (Kunoichikata / Ninjutsu)
Extension of Taijutsu: The physical mechanics transition directly from empty-hand body movement (Taijutsu) to hidden blades, specialized fans, or ropes.
The "Eight Methods" (Happo Biken): The form utilizes eight distinct directions of evasion and angles of slashing, mimicking the fundamental blade arts of the ninja.
The Psychology of Intent: Unlike conventional combat forms, this discipline prioritizes camouflage, sensory misdirection, and asymmetric tactical finishes over direct physical confrontation.
The 6 Progression Levels in Japanese Ninjutsu & Kempo
Shoshin no Kata (The Novice Framework): Foundational posture (Kamae), falling safely (Ukemi), and the core striking angles of Kempo.
Kihon Happo (The Eight Fundamentals): Mastering the basic dynamic blocks, locks, and body-evasion patterns against active attackers.
Sanshin no Kata (The Three Hearts / Five Elements Form): Connecting body movements to the

natural elements (Earth, Water, Fire, Wind, Void) to build strategic adaptability.
Muto Dori (Unarmed Weapon Defense): Advanced empty-hand evasion against live blades, spears, and blunt objects.
Shinobi Biken / Kakushi Buki (Hidden Weaponry): The integration of the short ninja sword (Ninja-to) and compact, concealed tools.
Kunoichi Hiden / Goton no Kata (The Sixth Scroll: Hidden Forms of Deception): The ultimate integration of Kunoichikata, utilizing specialized items like iron fans (Tessen), clawed rings (Shuko), and environmental escaping elements (Earth, Water, Fire, Metal, Wood) to completely vanish or eliminate a target.
Are you looking for the specific combative strategies of a particular Kunoichi weapon (like the Tessen or hidden blades), or do you want to explore the six elemental escapes used in this level?

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